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SUBJ: PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FOR FY 76 IV SKYTOEN

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1. SKYTOEN'S PRIMARY INTEREST IS TO VISIT HIS BROTHER UNIONS IN THE INTERNATIONAL METAL WORKERS' FEDERATION (IMF), ESPECIALLY STEELWORKERS (USA), MACHINISTS (IAM) AND AUTO WORKERS (UAW), BUT ALSO ELECTRICAL WORKERS (IBEW AND IUE), IF TIME PERMITS. OTHER TOP PRIORITY IS TO VISIT AFL-CIO. WASHINGTON, PITTSBURGH AND DETROIT ARE THUS HIS FIRST PRIORITY CITIES TO VISIT.

2. SUBJECT MATTER OF INTEREST INCLUDES ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS WITHIN AND CAUSED BY FACTORIES (I.E. HEALTH AND SAFETY, NOISE, DUST, SMOKE, GAS, TOXIC SUBSTANCES, STRESS, WASTE DISPOSAL, ETC.); UNEMPLOYMENT, RECESSION AND INFLATION, PRICES AND INCOMES; INTERNAL TRADE UNION ADMINISTRATION AND USE OF COMPUTERS; INNOVATIONS SUCH AS SUB AND EXTENDED VACATIONS; TRADE UNION COOPERATION WITH UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS; ENERGY AND RESOURCES, NUCLEAR POWER, ECOLOGY AND GROWTH AND TRADE UNION ATTITUDES AND INVOLVEMENT IN PROBLEM. HE IS INTERESTED IN VISITING INDUSTRIAL FIRMS TO OBSERVE HOW TRADE UNIONS OPERATE, PARTICULARLY IN VISITING A SHIPYARD OR OIL PLATFORM CONSTRUCTION FACILITY. EXTRACURRICULAR INTERESTS INCLUDE HISTORICAL SITES AND MOUNTAIN-AND-FOREST NATIONAL PARKS. SKYTOEN WANTS TO STOP IN NEW YORK ON WAY HOME.

3. DISCUSSING WHAT ASPECT OF AMERICA HE MIGHT LIKE TO SEE

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OTHER THAN INDUSTRIAL NORTHERN MIDWEST, SKYTOEN WAS TAKEN BY

IDEA OF VISIT TO SOUTHERN STEEL AND/OR SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY (BIRMINGHAM OR MOBILE-NEW ORLEANS AREA?), COMBINED WITH VISIT TO NEW ORLEANS, ENABLING HIM TO OBSERVE RACE RELATION IN AN INDUSTRIAL SETTING (PARTICULARLY TIMELY IN VIEW OF ANGELA DAVIS' VISIT AND MISINFORMATION HERE SINCE OUR CONVERSATION WITH SKYTOEN). WILLIAMSBURG, MOUNT VERNON, AND/OR GEORGETOWN, PLUS A STOP OFF AT GETTYSBURG EN ROUTE FROM WASHINGTON TO PITTSBURGH (PRESUMABLY WITH APPALACHIANS IN FULL COLOR) SEEMED AN ATTRACTIVE OUTLET FOR HIS HISTORICAL INTEREST, IN ADDITION TO NEW ORLEANS. PITTSBURGH SEEMED LIKE AN EXCELLENT PLACE TO STUDY ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP EFFORTS, COMPUTER UTILIZATION IN UNION ADMINISTRATION AND UNION EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS. A BLACK LAKE EXCURSION MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN THE DETROIT UAW VISIT. SKYTOEN WAS INTERESTED AT MENTION OF WISCONSIN UNIVERSITY WORKERS' SCHOOL; VISIT TO USA DISTRICT DIRECTOR MCNAMARA MIGHT BE USEFUL BOTH FOR EDUCATIONAL TIE-IN AND INDUSTRIAL UNION OPERATION AT REGIONAL LEVEL, OR SIMILAR VISIT SOMEWHERE ELSE. A VISIT TO NUCLEAR POWER PLANT AND KNOWLEDGEABLE DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROS AND CONS SHOULD BE IN PROGRAM. SKYTOEN WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN SOME HOME HOSPITALITY, IF POSSIBLE.

4. SKYTOEN DOES NOT SPEAK ENGLISH AND WILL NEED AN INTERPRETER. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS FSO DONALD NIEMI, FORMER LABOR ATTACHE HERE, OR FSO MICHAEL DURKEE, FORMER US INFORMATION OFFICER IN TROMSO, BOTH ASSIGNED NOW TO DEPARTMENT.

5. VISA ELIGIBILITY ESTABLISHED.

6. LEAVING OSLO ON OCT. 21 AT 14:05 HOURS VIA BE 783. OVERNIGHT STAY IN LONDON. ARRIVES IN WASHDC OCT 22 AT 14:00 HOURS VIA PA 107.
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